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<b>Advisory Action</b>	Application No. 10/084,461	Applicant(s) YEUNG, KI CHEONG
	Examiner Kenneth B Rinehart	Art Unit 3749

*--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --*

THE REPLY FILED 06 February 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY** [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
  - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
  - (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
  - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: see attached sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

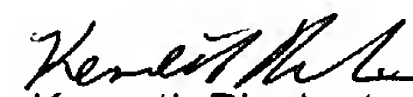
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) objected to: 7 and 20.

Claim(s) rejected: 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 11-15, 19, 23-30.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

  
 Kenneth Rinehart  
 Patent Examiner  
 AU 3749

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***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 1/20/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that the Russo patent does not anticipate either of claims 25 or 26. The examiner disagrees as claims in a pending application should be given their broadest reasonable interpretation. The applicant has claimed that the holding assembly is located adjacent the first opening. The applicant believes that it is not unreasonable for the Russo embodiment to anticipate the claim language since the holding assembly is located adjacent the first opening. Adjacent is defined to mean nearby or not distant. The holding assembly of Russo is located nearby or not distant from the first opening. Regarding claims 11-13, the applicant is correct as the claims were intended to be included in the rejection under 35 USC 103. Regarding the features not disclosed, the applicant argues that the rejection does not form a proper basis for rejection under 35 USC 103. The examiner disagrees. It is the examiner's contention that it would have been obvious to an individual of ordinary skill in the art to use a substrate of ceramic or sponge material. The advantages outlined by the applicant the capability of being refilled and withstanding repeated heating and cooling cycles are possessed by the existing Russo invention. The Russo invention is presently capable of being refilled and it also possesses the property of being able to withstand repeated heating and cooling cycles.